# SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS Administration Committee Minutes

March 3, 2005

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE. AUDIO CASSETTE TAPES OF THE MEETING ARE AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The Administration Committee of the Southern California Association of Governments held its meeting at the SCAG Offices, 818 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90017. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Councilmember Richard Dixon, City of Lake Forest. There was a quorum.

## 1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Richard Dixon called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

## **Committee Members Present:**

City of Manhattan Beach Mayor Jim Aldinger City of Rancho Cucamonga Mayor William Alexander City of San Gabriel Mayor Harry Baldwin Councilmember Mike Dispenza City of Palmdale City of Lake Forest Mayor Richard Dixon City of Grand Terrace Councilmember Lee Ann Garcia City of Cerritos Councilmember Paul Nowatka City of Cathedral City Mayor Pro-Tem Greg Pettis City of Temecula Councilmember Ron Roberts City of Pasadena Vice Mayor Sidney Tyler City of Calabasas Councilmember Dennis Washburn Councilmember Toni Young City of Port Hueneme

#### **Committee Members Absent:**

Councilmember Paul Bowlen
Mayor Margaret Clark
Mayor Ron Loveridge
Mayor Pro-Tem Keith McCarthy
Supervisor Judy Mikels
Councilmember Pam O'Connor
Councilmember Deborah Robertson
Mayor Bob Yousefian
City of Cerritos
City of Rosemead
City of Riverside
City of Downey
County of Ventura
City of Santa Monica
City of Rialto
City of Glendale

#### **Staff Present:**

Heather Copp Chief Financial Officer
Charlie Wagner Manager of Finance
Ed Paul Internal Auditor

## **Others Present:**

Zahi Faranesh SCAG Catherine McMillan CVAG

# 2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No public comments.

#### 3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Calendar was APPROVED (Greg Pettis), SECONDED (Ron Roberts) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

# 3.1 Approval Items

- 3.1.1 Approval of February 3, 2005 Minutes
- 3.1.2 Approval of Contracts
  - Digital Mapping

#### Temporary Employment Services

- ACT 1 Personnel Services
- Microlink Enterprise, Inc.
- PMC
- Volt Services Group

# 3.2 Receive & File

3.2.1 Contracts & PO's between \$5,000-\$25,000

#### 4.0 CFO STAFF REPORT

Comments provided under 6.1 Monthly Financial Report.

#### 5.0 ACTION ITEMS

5.1. Adopt the 2005/2006 Comprehensive Budget, submittal of the OWP and ICAP
Budgets to Caltrans, and submittal of the General Fund Budget to the General
Assembly

Heather Copp reported that the goal was to consolidate all the budgets into one comprehensive document creating a user friendly document for the Regional Council members as well as the public and create the Overall Work Program summary document.

Heather Copp presented an overview of the document and provided a PowerPoint presentation. 000101

Regarding the proposed Regional Council travel stipends, Ron Roberts requested that the following amendment be made: "Calculate stipend amount utilizing \$2.50 per gallon of gas instead of \$2.00 per gallon and make adjustments to the mileage ranges.

Heather informed the group that the proposed travel policy will be brought back next month for their review.

Zahi Faranesh presented an overview of the Overall Work Program and informed the group that the OWP has been submitted to Caltrans in a timely manner.

This item was MOVED (Ron Roberts), SECONDED (Toni Young) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED with the requested amendment.

### 5.2 Cambridge Systematics, Inc.

Heather Copp reported that Attorney Pat Chen from Fulbright and Jaworski determined that the protester did not have a cause for protest and recommended SCAG proceed with the awarding of the contract. Heather Copp informed the group that SCAG is still waiting for the MOU to be signed for the match for the grant. Until the MOU is signed by all parties, SCAG can not fully execute the contract.

This item was MOVED (Toni Young), SECONDED (Harry Baldwin), and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

## 5.3 Revisions to Budget Amendment #3

Heather Copp reported that SCAG and Caltrans have come to a mutual decision to charge itemized costs for staff to the OWP CPG line items, therefore the need to revise Budget Amendment #3. These changes have no affect on the OWP.

This item was MOVED (Toni Young), SECONDED (Harry Baldwin), and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

#### 6.0 <u>INFORMATION ITEMS</u>

#### 6.1 Monthly Financial Report

Heather Copp reported that during this period, SCAG has not had to access its Line of Credit. The new Master Fund Transfer Agreement with Caltrans has been signed and allows SCAG additional flexibility in how we bill Caltrans and how quickly SCAG is reimbursed.

Heather Copp raised concern with the timeliness of the submission of subregional invoices. This issue will be on the next Audit/Best Practices Subcommittee agenda for discussion.

# 6.2 Update of Budget Amendment Status

Heather Copp reported that Budget Amendment #2 was submitted in September 2004. SCAG received approval on March 1, 2005 from Caltrans by e-mail. We will need to determine which projects we will be able to move forward with and complete within the next few months, and which will need to be carried over.

## 7.0 CFO STAFF REPORT

Sidney Tyler raised concern that an internal audit of the subregions has not been conducted.

Heather Copp replied that the internal auditor has been involved in another important matter but he will begin scheduling internal audits with the subregions within the next couple of months.

#### 8.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Internal Audit of Subregions
- Estimate of carryover invoices
- Cycle of SCAG processes

# 9.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### 10.0 ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Richard Dixon adjourned the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

Heather Copp, Chief Financial Officer Staff to the Administration Committee